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Applicant(s) : Dennis McDevitt et al.  
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TRANSOSSEOUS TUNNELS  
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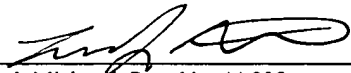
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.